SUBJECT No. 101.

Lantana Extirpation Act.

Messrs. G. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk, Hutcha Rao and Narasappa, Koppa taluk, and Narasinga Rao, C. Subba Rao and Chandrasekhara Upadhyaru, Hunsur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Assembly what action has been taken in the matter of introducing a Regulation embodying a penal clause that it is incumbent upon every landholder whose lands are overgrown with lantana to clear the same.

In malnad the growth of lantana and "touch-me-not" shrubs is very luxuriant and the abundant rainfall of malnad helps their growth. Pray arrangements may be made for their destruction.

It should be made penal for any landholder to allow lantana to grow on cultivated lands. As a rule, the lantana does the most harm to cultivated lands. It spreads from cultivated lands to gomal. In order to remove it from gomal lands some special inducements should be offered to the raiyats.

Mr. M. Venkataramayya.—No penal act should be introduced. In the case of coffee estates, the removal of lantana is very costly. Lantana can be removed only by the efforts of the people. If penalties are introduced, it will lead to much oppression of the poorer classes of raiyats.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible to introduce a "Lantana Extirpation Act" just now. The rules introduced for the purpose of encouraging the removal of lantana have just been extended to the Kadur, Mysore and Hassan Districts and their working will be watched.

SUBJECT No. 102.

Increased budget allotment for the restoration of minor tanks.

(*a*) Mr. H. Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.
(*b*) Mr. Venkatasamaiya, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) An additional lakh of rupees for the restoration of minor tanks may be provided every year in the budget.

(*b*) There is a large number of tanks in the Mysore State which if restored will yield a good revenue to Government. No attention is paid towards their restoration. A certain sum of money may be provided in the annual budget for the restoration of tanks.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 103.

Irrigation cess fund for repairs of channels or tanks.

Mr. H. Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It was promised that the Deputy Commissioner would be requested to utilize the irrigation cess fund recovered on wet lands solely for the repairs of the channels in a local area or tanks commanding the wet area. This has not yet been given effect to. Early orders in the matter are solicited.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration by a committee, which has been appointed to consider it.